

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier version and listings.

1. (currently amended): An image processing method of generating print data for a plurality of different color materials to be used by a printer, the method comprising:

a step of generating print data of ~~a secondary color~~ blue by using print data of ~~predetermined two or more color hues~~ cyan and magenta from among the plurality of colors of print data; and

a step of generating processed print data, in which original print data of ~~the predetermined two hues is~~ cyan and magenta are replaced at least partially with the print data of ~~the secondary mixture color~~ blue,

wherein the color material for generating the print data of ~~the secondary color~~ blue has a higher lightness than do the color materials for generating the print data of ~~the predetermined two hues~~ cyan and magenta.

2. and 3. (cancelled).

4. (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein ~~the predetermined two color hues are two color hues~~ cyan and magenta are two color hues from among three primary colors for color printing.

5. (original): An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein the color material is ink.

6. (currently amended): An image processing method according to claim 5, wherein the color material of ~~the secondary mixture color~~ blue is a cation dye and other color materials are anion dyes.

7. - 10. (cancelled).

11. (currently amended): A printer for printing data by using print data for a plurality of different color materials to be used by a printer, based on data to be printed, the printer comprising:

printing means for printing each color by using a plurality of different color materials based on the print data; and

data supplying means for supplying said printing means with print data generated by a secondary mixture color data generating process of generating the print data of ~~a secondary color~~ blue by using print data of ~~predetermined two or more color hues~~ cyan and magenta from among the plurality of colors of print data and by a data generating process of generating processed print data, in which original print data of ~~the predetermined two hues~~ cyan and magenta is replaced at least partially with the print data of ~~the secondary mixture color~~ blue,

wherein the color material for generating the print data of ~~the secondary color~~ blue has a higher lightness than do the color materials for generating the print data of ~~the predetermined two hues~~ cyan and magenta.

12. and 13. (cancelled).

14. (currently amended): A printer according to claim 11, wherein ~~the predetermined two color hues~~ cyan and magenta are two color hues from among three primary colors for color printing.

15. (original): A printer according to claim 11, wherein the color material is ink.

16. (original): A printer according to claim 11, wherein said printing means includes a head for each of the plurality of color materials for printing by discharging ink.

17. (previously presented): A printer according to claim 16, wherein each head forms a bubble in the ink by using heat energy and discharges the ink by means of pressure of the bubble.

18. (currently amended): A printer according to claim 11, wherein the color material of ~~the secondary mixture color~~ blue is a cation dye and other color materials are anion dyes.

19. - 24. (cancelled).

25. (currently amended): A storage medium storing a program readable by an information processing apparatus, the program realizing image processing for generating print data for a plurality of different color materials to be used by a printer, based on data to be printed, the program comprising:

a step of generating print data of ~~a secondary color~~ blue by using print data of ~~predetermined two or more color hues~~ cyan and magenta from among the plurality of colors of print data; and

a step of generating processed print data, in which original print data of ~~the predetermined two hues is~~ cyan and magenta are replaced at least partially with the print data of ~~the secondary mixture color~~ blue,

wherein the color material for generating the print data of ~~the secondary color~~ blue has a higher lightness than do the color materials for generating the print data of ~~the predetermined two hues~~ cyan and magenta.

26. (cancelled).